

**CLAIMS**

1. A surface fishing lure comprising:

a body having a forward portion and a rear portion;

5 a hydrodynamic lip mechanically coupled to the forward portion of the body for providing lift force to the surface fishing lure while moving through water thereby generally keeping the surface fishing lure near the surface of the water;

a hook coupling means, mechanically coupled to the body, for coupling a fishing hook thereto; and

10 a line coupling means, mechanically coupled to the body, for coupling a fishing line thereto.

2. The surface fishing lure of Claim 1, wherein the hydrodynamic lip is generally shaped in an outwardly convex shape for providing a rolling action to the surface fishing lure  
15 while moving through the water.

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3. The surface fishing lure of Claim 1, further comprising:

a counterweight means, mechanically coupled to the body, for providing weight to the surface fishing lure to counter the buoyancy of the body while moving through the water;

5 a propeller means, mechanically coupled to the body, for providing a splash action to the surface fishing lure; and

a propeller stabilizer means, mechanically coupled to the body, for maintain the propeller means generally in an extended position relative to the body while casting the surface fishing lure.

10 4. The surface fishing lure of Claim 1, wherein the hydrodynamic lip is affixed to the forward portion and lower side of the body thereby the surface fishing lure generally conforming to the silhouette of a prey fish while moving through the water.

5. A skimmer lip for a surface fishing lure, the skimmer lip comprising:

15 a skimmer lip body having a generally outwardly convex shape, the skimmer lip body for affixing to a forward portion of a surface fishing lure body for providing lift thereto while moving through the water.

20 6. The skimmer lip of Claim 5, wherein the skimmer lip body for affixing to the forward portion and a lower side of the surface fishing lure body for providing a rolling action to the surface fishing lure while moving through the water.

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7. The skimmer lip of Claim 5, wherein the skimmer lip body creates an erratic walk the dog action for the surface fishing lure body while moving through the water and near or at the surface thereof.

5 8. A surface fishing lure comprising:

a generally slender elongated body having a forward portion and a rear portion;

a hydrodynamic lip mechanically coupled to the forward portion of the body for providing lift force to the surface fishing lure while moving through water thereby generally keeping the surface fishing lure near the surface of the water;

10 a counterweight means, mechanically coupled to the body, for providing weight to the surface fishing lure to counter the buoyancy of the body while moving through the water;

a propeller means, mechanically coupled to the body, for providing a splash action to the surface fishing lure;

15 a hook coupling means, mechanically coupled to the body, for coupling a fishing hook thereto; and

a line coupling means, mechanically coupled to the body, for coupling a fishing line thereto.

20 9. The surface fishing lure of Claim 8, wherein the hydrodynamic lip and the generally slender elongated body generally conform to the silhouette of a prey fish.

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10. The surface fishing lure of Claim 8, wherein the hydrodynamic lip is affixed to the forward portion of the body for providing a wobble to the surface fishing lure, the wobble being magnified by wave action while the body moves near the surface of the water.

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11. The surface fishing lure of Claim 8, wherein the counterweight means is affixed to the rear portion of the body to keep the center of gravity of the surface fishing lure 15 rearward, a nose up position on the water surface, and the tail portion generally under the water surface.

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12. The surface fishing lure of Claim 8, further comprising:  
a propeller stabilizer means, mechanically coupled to the body, for maintaining the propeller means generally in an extended position relative to the body while casting the surface fishing lure.

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13. The surface fishing lure of Claim 8, wherein the hydrodynamic lip allows the surface fishing lure to move at generally any speed through the water, even while trolling, without totally diving below the surface of the water.

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14. The surface fishing lure of Claim 8, wherein the hydrodynamic lip creates an erratic walk the dog action for the surface fishing lure while moving through the water and near or at the surface thereof.

5 15. The surface fishing lure of Claim 8, wherein the counterweight means imparts on the surface fishing lure a generally nose up position while moving through the water.